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INFO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMCONSUL BELEM

AMCONSUL PORTO ALEGRE

AMCONSUL RECIFE

AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

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AMCONSUL SAO PAULO

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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN POPULATION POLICY

REF: BRASILIA 5830

1. SEPARATE NEWSPAPER STORIES AUGUST 5 AGREED WORD FOR WORD ON FOUR-POINT RESUME OF BRAZILIAN POSITION TO BE DEFENDED AT BUCHAREST. ONE STORY CITED GOVERNMENT SOURCES, AND USIS HAS CONFIRMED THAT THIS IS THE CASE.

2. TEXT OF FOUR POINTS FOLLOWS:

A. "DEMOGRAPHIC POLICY IS THE SOVEREIGN DOMAIN OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL. THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT TOLERATE OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE OF AN OFFICIAL OR PRIVATE NATURE IN ITS DEMOGRA-

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PHIC POLICY.

B. BIRTH CONTROL IS A DECISION OF THE FAMILY NUCLEUS, WHICH IN THIS RESPECT SHOULD NOT SUFFER GOVERNMENTAL INTERFERENCE.

C. THE CAPABILITY OF RECOURSE TO BIRTH CONTROL SHOULD NOT BE A PRIVILEGE OF WELL-OFF FAMILIES, AND THUS IT IS UP TO THE STATE TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION AND THE MEANS THAT MAY BE REQUESTED BY FAMILIES OF LIMITED RESOURCES.

D. THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO DIMINISH MORTALITY IN THE COUNTRY, ABOVE ALL INFANT (MORTALITY), TO PROMOTE THE INTEGRATION OF THE SOCIAL GROUPS (WHICH ARE) STILL MARGINALIZED, TO EVEN OUT REGIONAL GROWTH, TO INCORPORATE THE GREAT EMPTY SPACES OF THE COUNTRY IN THE ECONOMIC PROCESS, AND TO PROMOTE THE HARMONIC GROWTH OF THE URBAN AND RURAL SECTORS."

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (WHO WILL BE ON GOB DELEGATION IN BUCHAREST) TOLD EMBOFF THAT POLICY PAPER (REFTEL) STILL NOT ACTED UPON BY PRESIDENT GEISEL, BUT THAT FOUR POINTS APPEARED TO BE CONGRUENT WITH IT. ALTHOUGH THIRD POINT MIGHT APPEAR TO REPRESENT IMPORTANT ALTERATION OF GOB POLICY, OFFICIAL MAINTAINED THAT FOUR POINTS DID NOT MEAN SIGNIFICANT CHANGE, ASSERTING THAT FREE ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND MEANS HAS BEEN PART OF POLICY RIGHT ALONG. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT FIRST POINT WAS ONE WHICH RECEIVED PRINCIPAL PLAY IN THE PRESS.
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